## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1173**

## By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor Grady Stout on being named the General Robert Neyland Young Engineer of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a young professional who has evidenced a strong commitment to excellence in his field and a great passion for providing clean, safe and reliable water to the people of Chattanooga, inspiring his colleagues through his leadership at work and his civic endeavors in the community; and

WHEREAS, Grady Stout, engineering manager at Tennessee American Water, was recently named the General Robert Neyland Young Engineer of the Year; this prestigious award recognizes a young engineer in the Chattanooga community who has made outstanding contributions to his or her profession, public welfare, and the community at large during the early part of his or her career; and

WHEREAS, in his role as manager of engineering at Tennessee American Water, Mr. Stout oversees a capital budget of more than twenty-five million dollars and is responsible for leading a team of engineering professionals who manage the timely and efficient completion of projects to replace aging infrastructure for system reliability, strengthen fire protection, and maintain water quality; and

WHEREAS, he also headed up Tennessee American Water's COVID-19 response to assure the continuity of essential services to its customers; and

WHEREAS, a past president of the Chattanooga Engineering Club who holds a professional engineering license, Mr. Stout played a key role in the success of the Kentucky/Tennessee Section of the American Water Works Association's 2021 annual meeting held in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, he energetically recruited his colleagues to perform various functions at the volunteer-led gathering and coordinated four technical presentations by members of his engineering team; and

WHEREAS, Grady Stout has distinguished himself as an outstanding engineer, colleague, and citizen, and he is worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Grady Stout of Tennessee American Water on being named the General Robert Neyland Young Engineer of the Year, salute his vital work in maintaining a reliable supply of safe and clean water for Chattanooga, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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